

## **‘Ask The Ambassador’ Web Chat with Ambassador Scott H. DeLisi**

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Web Chat Moderator: The Ambassador will begin answering your questions in just a few minutes.

Web Chat Moderator: We also have a consular officer available who will answer any visa questions.

Web Chat Moderator: Welcome to the web chat with Ambassador Scott H. DeLisi. He will begin answering your questions now.

MAYA LOOMS: Hello sir good afternoon

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Good afternoon everyone!

Nikita Sharma: Mr Ambassador I want to know about the Embassy's view on the current uproar on Hybrid seed import from the US?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Hi Nikita: We'll be discussing this in more detail in the days ahead. I would say at the outset, however, that I'm still puzzled as to what people are most concerned about. Today, 80% of the maize grown in the Terai is produced from hybrid seeds. Much of that seed comes from Indian companies, as well as US companies based in India. We need to define what the real issues are.

shashwat poudel: hello sir.i wanna know that...how r the DV applicants selected for lottery?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Shashwat, thank you for the excellent question. The DV applicants are selected in a lottery system using a computer program that randomly selects DV winners from among all the applicants. So everyone who submits a DV entry has an equal chance of being selected.

Badal Buharhoki 2: Your excellency honorable Ambassador of United States to Nepal, It would be honour of yours , if you are likely to answer the main priorities or focus of US Embassy after an student getting an I-20

Rajan: Good afternoon sir, I have a question: Will Monsanto controversy affect US-Nepal relation, particularly on American aid to Nepal?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: I've discussed Monsanto a bit and we will address more in the coming weeks. The issues for us are not about Monsanto but about encouraging good dialogue in Nepal about your choices in agricultural development. It will have no effect on our relations, I can assure. There is always room in a democracy for differing views and a healthy debate.

Palden: Hello Mr. DeLisi. I am a Peace Corps Volunteer serving in Fiji. My service will be complete soon and I hope to pursue a job with the US embassy or USAID in Kathmandu. RPCVs receive "competitive eligibility status" and I would like to know how/if this can be beneficial when applying for a US government job in Kathmandu.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: I'd have to get one of my Human Resource colleagues to give you a more detailed and specific answer. If you'd like to give our moderator your contact info we will get back to you soon. We'd love to have as many folks with good skills join us in our efforts here!

Web Chat Moderator: Ambassador, we have this question that was posted on our Facebook page: What is your overall look towards Youth of Nepal ? Are there any policies made?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: We are very much engaged with the youth of Nepal. They are the future....quite literally. They make up 75% of the population and will shape the nation's future in every way. We are working closely with them to encourage and strengthen their engagement in social, economic and political affairs and I am very impressed with the qualities they bring to the process.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Lots of interest in visas. My consular colleague will help to answer those, but I may join in from time to time there as well.

MAYA LOOMS: i am impressed with the system that US Embassy operates for people to understand about the details of embassy and other important updates.thank you.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Thank you Maya. We believe sharing information is critically important.

sagar: sir i just wanna know about the student visa....

\* Consular Officer: Hi Sagar--we've answered many questions about student visas during the webchat. For more information, please refer to our website which provides all the information necessary about student visas.

sagar: sir is it correct the this year usa will issue more student visa than before

\* Consular Officer: Hi Sagar, no this is not correct. There is no pre-set number of student visas that we will approve or reject. We review each case individually. There is no quota for student visas from Nepal.

Web Chat Moderator: Here is another question from our Facebook page: When will Peace not be just a 5 lettered word but a reality that we can all understand and take comfort in?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: I believe that there has been great progress. If you look at where the nation was five years ago or a decade ago you have to believe that things are moving in the right direction. Today, although there are real challenges yet to be addressed, the nation IS at peace, people live their lives with confidence in the future, and the political parties engage in a robust dialogue that may be contentious at times but that nonetheless is part of the democratic process.

Web Chat Moderator: From Facebook: Dear sir, Why the pol. condition of Nepal is not improving?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Please see my response just a moment ago about the peace process. I believe the political conditions are much improved. There are indeed still challenges ahead but I have to say I think the trend lines are very promising.

Aashish: I would like to ask you one question, " why can't we get working visas for America? if you respect the human rights ,it is our right to go America and do job make some money to support family. i want to go US for job in working visas can u help me get visas, will you like to give me visa of America to make my future bright as US? plz sir ,if you say yes i will come to meet you with my passport ,i am serious.

\* Consular Officer: Hi Aashish: Every year, there are many people from Nepal who qualify for work visas to the United States. Every applicant must meet the qualification according to the laws of the United States. Please refer to our website for more information on visas to the United States. You will find all the information you need on how to apply.

Web Chat Moderator: From Facebook: Your excellency,May we know your economic agendas for the development of Nepal.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Our engagement in helping Nepal to shape its economic future is very robust. We have a dynamic development program that helps to build capacity and strengthen society on a variety of levels and this in turn creates the environment in which economic growth becomes all the more feasible. We have encouraged expanded US trade and investment, we are working to make Nepal more competitive in key sectors involving international trade, we are seeking to support growth of the energy sector, etc. Our goal is to help Nepal achieve its potential for economic growth, create jobs for youth, and help the private sector to become the engine for growth.

shashwat poudel: Sir, work is available only 20 hrs a week for student there in USA. Will it be enough to pay high tuitions

\* Consular Officer: Good Question. Every student visa applicant must demonstrate that they have the financial capability to support themselves during their studies in order to qualify for the visa.

Mown: Dear sir, what is the possibility of granting the any visa categories once rejected for more than 4 times?

\* Consular Officer: This is a common question. While it may be \*possible\* to qualify for a visa after 4 rejections, it will certainly be more difficult.

Archana Sharma: was interested to know, as how long will the spouse of a refugee take to re-unite

\* Consular Officer: Hi Archana, this is a very good question. Every case is unique. It is very difficult to say how long it may take. Some cases go quickly, and others take much longer. It depends upon the information provided at the time of the interview.

Shreekamal Dwivedi: Your Excellency, What is your stand regarding the Bhutanese Refugees who are waiting to go back home instead of third-country settlement?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: We continue to engage the governments of Bhutan and Nepal on this issue and have consistently urged the Government of Bhutan to allow the return of at least some of those who were expelled. That remains our policy but, in the interim, we continue as well to offer resettlement to those seeking that option.

Hermes H: What are the current activities of the embassy/USAID in regards to disaster preparedness in urban areas, especially in light of the recent earthquake in the rural eastern region?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: I could write a book about this Hermes. Suffice it to say that the US Government is actively engaged on every level regarding disaster risk reduction and response planning. There are few issues of greater concern if we seek to protect the people of Nepal from potential tragedy, protect the development gains this nation has made, and help the Nepali people build the positive future they aspire to. Our list of activities is, quite literally, too long to cover here but includes partnerships with all key government agencies, other international actors including the UN, and soon we will launch a major awareness building program.

sabin: Dear Sir, is US government has any policy for the Non-immigrant Nepalese staying there?

\* Consular Officer: Sabin, this question is unclear. Can you please clarify?

shashwat poudel: counslar office. u guies know that neaplese r poor so. why do ask for students to show more finance .before leaving to us, n to the concerned most of the much of neaplese student r working 18 hrs a day also .ilegaly.to met heir finacialy requirmnt

\* Consular Officer: Under the laws of the United States, every student visa applicant must demonstrate that they have sufficient finances to pay for their education. This is why we ask for students to bring their financial documents.

Dinesh: One of mine friend applied for Business Visa. He was called for Interview. But there was no interview. They just refused the visa without giving the chance of two way communication.

\* Consular Officer: Hi Dinesh, we are unable to comment on specific visa cases, but we can tell you that the visa interview is a series of questions and answers. The Consular Officer asks the questions, and the applicant must provide the answers. That is the format of the visa interview. During the interview, the applicant must demonstrate that they qualify for the visa. The burden of proof rests with the applicant.

ram hari dahal: I have a question for consular officer. Sir what are the reasons for why the students get their VISA rejected even if there are no fake documents that a student provide? Does it depend on the university he/she is going to?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Ram, this is a great question. Each student visa applicant must demonstrate that they qualify for a student visa under the laws of the United States, regardless of which university they are attending. If an applicant doesn't qualify, then the visa is rejected even if the documents are authentic.

DokoMart.com from California: Could you tell us the progress of your recent trip to Ilam?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: The trip to Ilam was very good. We opened a new American Corner there, giving us another element of partnership with the people of the region. Many thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for their support

with that. We also met with local tea producers to discuss ways we can work together to increase their market access in the US and elsewhere. We are assisting with branding, identification of niche markets (including organic production), etc. Very good efforts there. We also helped launch the Green City initiative, and visited the earthquake damaged areas to assess how to help with response.

sabin: What documents is necessary for the Students visa? and Why the counslor rejectes the visa without any specific reason?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Sabin, you can find a list of requirements on our website. However, in many cases the decision is based upon the interview, not necessarily the documents. If the applicant doesn't meet the requirements, then they are rejected. We always provide a letter explaining the specific reasons for the rejection.

shashwat poudel: Mr ambassador what do u love to sugest neaplese student .who r going Usa with poor economical condition...?

\* Consular Officer: Shashwat, one of the main requirements for applicants who wish to study in the United States is being able to pay for their education. Many students from Nepal are offered scholarships or assistanceships, which helps them to afford an education in the United States.

Bimal Gurung: Dear Sir, first of all,it's been quite sometime, we miss your presence on our show....I hope, there will be some Development/Exchange/Learning program from the U.S Gov/Embassy for Local Jazz Musicians like us in the near future. Have you ever think about to address such types of programes? Thank you! Bimal Gurung Inner Groove

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Always a fan of jazz, but equally of music and the arts in general. We'll do all we can to support the arts, Bimal. We have a big visual arts event coming soon. Good to hear from you. Hope to see you perform soon.

39. Web Chat Moderator: From Facebook: respected ambassador why America wants to make war between china and India ?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Sorry...very hard to answer when the premise is wrong. I'm not sure what gave you the impression that was the US goal. It is not. We work closely with both India and China and our goal, as always, is constructive partnership to address the serious issues all nations of the world face today.

deepika: Dear Sir, what would be your suggestion to some nepali citizen who is economically weak and wanted to go abroad, probably USA for his/her further studies? What is the chances for visa success for such person?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Deepika, there are many students from Nepal who qualify for scholarships and assistanceships to study in the United States. I would suggest you apply for a scholarship from the university.

DokoMart.com from California: What's happening to Peace Corps Volunteers in Nepal?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: We are working hard to get the Peace Corps back to Nepal. In my view it is a perfect partnership. We're talking closely with our PC colleagues and I hope we'll have more specific news very soon.

Susheel: Hello Mr. DeLisi what sort of reforms , i.e. political, social, economic, and administrative you think most important for Nepal. If you have to select one of them which one you will select and what sort of reforms you want to do?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Susheel: A tough question, especially when trying to answer so many others in a webchat. For now, creating conditions that allow for political stability and economic growth are critical. Only then will we have an environment that allows us to effectively address these other issues.

Aashish: dear sir, i know US is very good relationship with very country , i know you usually worried about Tibetain refuses. they got your moral support but your mornal support is not so much for bhutani refuses ,why like that sir ,why your goverment give press to bhutan king to take back all refuse to their own country? and give some knowledge to our poltical parties or give them a traning to make country develop?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: As I mentioned earlier, Aashish, we are indeed raising this issue routinely with the Government of Bhutan. Our concerns are for all refugee populations, no matter their origin. They are among the most vulnerable populations in the world and need support.

Rajan: As lawmaker Frank Wolf recently reportedly threatened to strip aid to Nepal over Tibetan issues, there is a fear among the Nepalese that US might review its aid policy over Monsanto controversy...anyway its clear now..thanks Excellency!!

\* Scott H. DeLisi: As noted, the issue of our support for agricultural extension services and education to farmers using hybrid seeds in the Terai is not an issue over which we're going to get upset! As for Congressman Wolf, we remain engaged with him and his staff to share with them a broad picture of Nepal's generosity and decency when it comes to managing refugee issues.

Pappu Kumar Yadav: Dear Consular: When we apply for F-1 Visa for any particular college, we are matured enough to apply only to those colleges which we think are affordable to us. Then why is that we are rejected on the basis of financial ground?

\* Consular Officer: Pappu, student visa applicants must clearly demonstrate that they will be able to afford their education. The burden of proof is on the applicant. If the Consular Officer does not find the evidence sufficient or credible, then the visa will be rejected.

Kunjan: As I am trying my higher studies in USA for FALL 2012, which is the best time to take an interview in the embassy.

\* Consular Officer: Hi Kunja, most students who will begin their studies in Fall 2012 should plan to schedule their interview during the May-August 2012 timeframe. Good Luck!

ram hari dahal 3: Sir what are the reasons for why the students get their VISA rejected even if there are no fake documents that a student provide? Does it depend on the university he/she is going to?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Ram, students must demonstrate that they qualify for the visa, regardless of which university they are attending.

Mukti Suvedi: Good Afternoon Ambassador !! I am in France for my Ph.D In Political Science and International Relation. I have been following the US and Nepal relation very closely. I appreciate the support US is providing to Nepal. What do you think are the major challenges are for sustainable peace in Nepal. How can US contribute in building the strong political community in Nepal? and lastly but not the least how complex do you see the peace process and constitution building process in Nepal?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Hmmm....another very comprehensive question. I think that the real issues for sustainable peace will go to economic growth and development and effective governance. Those are the issues that will affect the longer-term prospects of this very youthful nation and we need to address them. The peace process and constitution building process are both complicated we know, but I do believe that the parties are working through these challenges and am optimistic about the prospects for success. Land return, integration, etc...all are tough and will continue to require compromise and creative engagement but when I look at the progress we have made over the past year I am very pleased with the state of affairs.

ram: Consular Officer: I want to how can we know the date of interview of dv2012 winners for february

\* Consular Officer: Ram, good question. DV2012 winners will be notified of their interview date via email and/or letter from the Kentucky Consular Center.

Shreekamal Dwivedi: Regarding the disaster response, the response during peace time is perfect, but during the war time nothing exists. The Bir hospital was not prepared to treat 20 people injured during the quake. So this shows the approach or people you are training are not capable to work during the real situation. How do you judge this situation?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Shreekamal: The issues are huge, make no mistake. Medical services are just part of the challenge. We have been more engaged working with medical first responders in the valley, given the high concentration of population but there is indeed much to be done. The reality is that it will take years to address all the issues but we have to begin now. Every step forward is progress and every day I believe we create an environment in which more lives will be saved and in which the nation becomes more resilient.

deepika: I have another question, when the visa get rejects will you provide the proper & brief reason for it?

\* Consular Officer: Deepika, every rejected applicant receives a letter informing them of reason for the rejection. You may not be told verbally, as this will take too much time.

Rajan: Sir, Is there any update on lifting the terror tag on Maoists?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: We have announced that this is under review in Washington and that review is ongoing. The continued progress here is very important to giving context to that process. I am encouraged by the UCPN-M's continued commitment and a successful conclusion of the peace process will send an important signal in this regard.

mubashra: Good afternoon, Respected sir, do you have any plan about urban refugees those are staying in Nepal from different countries for resettlement in USA?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Although the UNHCR deals directly with these issues we are engaged as well, particularly as many of these individuals are indeed resettled in the USA. I believe we have made progress in balancing the government of Nepal's concerns with the interests of the refugees. We will continue our dialogue with the government. These individuals, like all refugees, deserve fair treatment and support.

sonam dorjee sherpa: Dear sir, i want to study in US but my family Nepal can't afford to pay the fees and my sibling brother, who became US citizenship and agreed to do all financial support but i was rejected twice because he thought that i will not come back. now how can i convince consular office that i have left last chance to study abroad(US) and i am going to come back after my graduation?

\* Consular Officer: Sonam-- we are unable to discuss your individual case on this webchat. Sorry.

uttam: hello consular sir .why can't a green card holder take their spouse immediately to united states ,while in other countries like australia they can .this long waiting period may lead to their misunderstanding ...do u think there will be an improvement towards long waiting time ?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Uttam, the laws of the United States are very different from the laws of Australia. We must process visas according to our own laws. Unfortunately, sometimes this means the waiting time may be quite long. The U.S. Government strives to process petitions and visas to the best of our ability.

Pappu Kumar Yadav: Dear Consular: It's well known fact that International students don't get scholarships for Spring intake. Is it mandatory that a student must have scholarship to get his Visa issued?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Pappu, no it is not mandatory for students to have a scholarship in order to get a visa. But it certainly helps demonstrate that you will be able to afford your education. This is one of the requirements, but not the only requirement in order to obtain a student visa.

Mown: Which visa categories can be applied, if there is invited by the american citizen with the full sponsorship? What will be the probabilities consequences of visa granting?

\* Consular Officer: You must apply for the visa in accordance with your purpose of travel. Having an American Citizen sponsor has very little relevance for visa approvals. We're interviewing the applicant, not the American Citizen.

Web Chat Moderator: From Facebook: since 3 years I am here in Nepal after long time abroad in different countries I am a agriculturist and would like to contribute to make the New Nepal Dream via agricultural intervention, if his

excellency have some interest to make some fruitful program for poor farmers of Nepal I like to sit together and make a mini master model plan on Agriculture (3MP) waiting for the positive answer till then by with best regards.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: We welcome your interest and commitment. We are very engaged in addressing agricultural issues and seeking to increase income streams for the nation's agriculturalists. We have had good success in many cases, including in our flood recovery program where we say farmer incomes increased by as much as 400% through the production of high value commodities, the use of tube wells, better nursery care of their seedlings, etc.

Mukti Suvedi: Very diplomatic answer, I appreciate your intellectual thoughts your Excellency, Your indication towards a national issues and its local interventions. In your notion how can International Community support for the economic development of the country. Recently various progress has been made in the agriculture sectors and USAID also has supported many farmers for organic farming. Is there any possibilities US -Nepal partnership in enriching these farmers through export of the quality product?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: That is exactly what our Nepal Economic Agriculture and Trade (NEAT) program seeks to do. The goal is to identify the high value crops in which Nepal has an advantage, encourage organic production where there is a receptive market, help with branding, market access, etc. We are focusing for now on orthodox tea, lentils, ginger, and vegetables.

Rajan: Excellency, we notice you being (pro)active in social media, what's your observation/feeling regarding new media's impact on Nepalese youths.....can social media bring significant changes in Nepali society?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: I think social media is a very important tool. Not a solution, but a tool. And one that can empower young people in so many ways. It opens up new lines of communications, including with folks like Ambassador and political leaders. It allows them to learn from youth in other nations facing similar challenges. It allows you to learn from each other. To share information. I believe the new media is helping to change perspectives and will continue to have a real impact on social change.

NDHEC officer: The us people had adopted the children from Nepal and they ask me to search the biological family in Nepal should i start or not?

\* Consular Officer: Hi-- we are unable to provide legal advice in this webchat. Sorry.

prabeshkhatiwada: Hello sir good afternoon!!! Plz let you explain me about the America's policy to Nepal as Nepal is a "buffer-state" between two rising giant nations i.e. China and India, so in this context what do u think about the Nepal role in south-Asia peace process and entire world peace process???

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Although Nepal may sit between India and China, our focus is on Nepal itself. Not on its roles as "buffer." I think that Nepal has an important role to play in the region. As part of South Asia I believe that Nepal can and will be an actor in the region's economic growth and integration. A stronger and better integrated south asia will serve not only Nepal's interests but everyone's I think.

manoj k gyawali: Good afternoon sir, I am manoj gyawali from kathamandu nepal I am working as project manger Ambehousing and developers I want visit your country (dream land) but visa process very very diffict so a want request to visit visa I dont want stay ther just visit or business promotion our two projecct. please can i apply for visa. thanks best regards.

\* Consular Officer: Hi Manoj, please refer to our website for more information about visas to the United States. Thank you!

Aashish: Why US is not helping to create jobs (invest in Nepal.) constructed facilitated hospital in remote village, roads, train and help to reduce our poverty so many more? There are so many place you can help direct to people. Make our live easier and help us to make our country developed. You know we (most of nepali people ) are ready to give our country in rent to you ?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Thanks, Aashish, but I don't think we're interested in renting Nepal! We are interested, however, in helping the nation to achieve its economic potential. The answer, however, is not in donors building hospitals or roads. It is about helping to encourage policy choices that will lead to sustainable growth and development so

Nepalis can do these things on their own. It is about encouraging policies that will facilitate private sector growth and investment which will spur job creation. It is about urging investors to come and see for themselves the potential in Nepal (and American companies are doing just that). Finally, I would note that our development activities that equip people with needed skills, that encourage agricultural growth, that facilitate trade, that address the health of the citizens, and that do so much more besides are indeed a direct help to the people. We'll continue our efforts.

Rupak: Dear Sir, Why there is very few scholarships seat to study in US from US govt for Nepali citizens as compared to India?

\* Consular Officer: Rupak, there is no quota for students from India or Nepal, or any other country. Scholarships are granted on the basis of individual merit, not their country of birth.

Nimesh: Dear Ambassador, Could you please let me know your views on aid effectiveness in Nepal especially from the States perspectives? How do you rank on the role played by foreign aid in Nepal's overall development?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: I think we always strive to ensure our assistance is as effective as possible. In today's Nepal, I believe that it is not only critical that our projects and activities be well-targeted and carefully monitored for effectiveness (and they are) but we also must engage the government in discussion on the underlying policies that will allow the impact to be sustained and an engine for future growth.

Mukti Suvedi: I am glad to hear about the NEAT, why I asked you this was we have been promoting youth entrepreneur in commercial organic farming in 7 districts of Nepal, we are further trying to support more in the future. The market and brand along with the effective mechanism to grade the product is really a challenges that these youths are facing. It would be a good idea to sit and discuss how can we compliment each other for the economic development at the grassroots. Thank you very much your Excellency.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Let us know the details of your effort. There may be a good opportunity for my colleagues working on NEAT to engage with you to everyone's advantage.

Tenzin Namdhak: Sir, I would like to know the progress being made on the repatriation issues of Tibetan refugees in Nepal that was initiated in 2005 ?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Tenzin: We are engaging the government routinely on the issue of how to address the fundamental needs and the future of the long-staying Tibetan population here in Nepal. There is no formal repatriation program at this time, as you know, but we are open to hearing the government's views on this if they wish to proceed. Meanwhile, we our discussions with the government seek to address all the dimensions of this issue and look at a wide range of appropriate actions.

sanjib: Hello sir, thanks to you for article on Tibetan issue. Also thanks to Mr. Renaldi too. What kind of plans do you have to stop politics and mis informed comments from American politicians on this issue?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: There are always different views on such issues and not everyone will always agree. I think the important thing is that we ensure that our colleagues have factually correct information on which they can base their judgments.

Niraj Mittal: Sir. Don't you think that Nepal though being a small country, and belonging to least developed country, has the potential of becoming a second financial hub like singapore. Though followed with many constraints, but don't you think USA should invest more in Nepal rather than India or China. Nepal having the advantage of low tax in comparison to India and China. Nepal is strategically positioned between two giants China and India but due to its strategic position, can it become a financial hub if developed nations invest in it.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: I think Nepal has potential on many fronts. Its location between two of the world's most dynamic economies doesn't hurt either! The government, however, needs to give some scope to this, or any other vision, and be prepared to support efforts to grow the economy with policy and, if appropriate, budgetary support.

Web Chat Moderator: We have just a few more minutes left! The Ambassador and the Consular Officer will answer as many questions as they can in the time we have left.



Bimal Gurung: To the Consular Officer: I'm a musician, been to Europe and Australia but never been to US. How hard is it to get a Visit visa with out any sponser? what are the things should I have to prepare for?

\* Consular Officer: Bimal--please refer to our website for more information on the visa application process. Thank you.

DokoMart.com from California: Your 25th August, 2011 white paper regarding the subject of remittance coming from Nepalese abroad, presented at SEJON was probably the best well thought out speech. I've heard in many years. Could you tell us what type of feedback you received from academic and political circles in Nepal?

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Thanks. Am glad you liked the speech. I've had good feedback overall and the speech serves as a starting point for our ongoing and growing dialogue on how we can support Nepal's economic growth. Discussion, however, is not enough. We need to take concrete steps to focus more on growth and lessen the ever-growing dependence on remittances and customs revenues.

Nimesh: Dear Consular officer, If someone from underprivileged category, has lots of travel history outside the country including Europe, Australia, Uk and if he/she apply US tourist visa to attend a conference, how the chances to get the visa for that purpose?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Nimesh, every applicant must qualify on their own merit, regardless of how many other countries they have traveled to in the past.

Satish Gautam: I have got the DV lottery and I am trying to apply for the fall 2012, what should I do? Can I go there first by student visa and change it later?

\* Consular Officer: Hi Satish, unfortunately, you will not be able to change your visa status. You must decide whether to take the DV or the student visa.

Nimesh: Your Excellency, In today's so much divided but globalized world, what would be your suggestions for e-activism powered by social media? Do you think they have god potentiallity in the countries like Nepal, where lots of poople donot have acces to the internet.

\* Scott H. DeLisi: Thanks to all of you for joining us. We always welcome the chance to hear your views and to share our perspective on the issues you are most concerned about. We truly value a dynamic dialogue with engaged partners and will continue to share views here, on Facebook, and in personal interactions whenever possible.

Wishing you a good afternoon. Cheers.

Web Chat Moderator: Thank you for joining us today.

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